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(EMBASSY COMMENT: WE DO NOT THINK THE
GOVERNMENT WILL CHANGE ITS EMERGENCY POWER AUTHORITY MUCH

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BEFORE MARCH, WHEN THE GOVERNMENT MAY PROMULGATE A STATE OF "DEFENSE AGAINST SUBVERSION." ON SEPTEMBER 11, 1976 THE JUNTA EXTENDED THE STATE OF SIEGE AT ITS THIRD LEVEL FOR SIX MONTHS. ALTHOUGH A FOURTH LEVEL OF STATE OF SIEGE IS PROVIDED FOR, THE GOVERNMENT HAS NOT, TO OUR KNOWLEDGE, DRAFTED THE REGULATIONS NEEDED TO PUT IT INTO EFFECT, TO THE CONTRARY, FOR THE LAST TWO YEARS IT HAS BEEN DRAFTING AN ENTIRELY NEW SECURITY CODE AND, AS INDICATED IN THIS REPORT, IS STILL BUSY WORKING ON IT. IN ADDITION, NEW CONSTITUTIONAL ACT NO. 4 PROVIDES FOR FOUR TYPES OF EMERGENCY SITUATIONS, INCLUDING THE CREATION OF A NEW CATEGORY "DEFENSE AGAINST SUBVERSION." THIS ACT COMES INTO EFFECT 180 DAYS FROM SEPTEMBER 11, 1976 -- SEE ALSO SANTIAGO A-146 FOR DETAILS OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL ACT.)

4. [REDACTED] SAID THAT ASIDE FROM A FEW MINOR INCIDENTS DURING THE RECENT INTERNATIONAL TRADE FAIR, SUCH AS CUTTING PHONE CABLES, AND OCCASIONAL LEAFLET DISTRIBUTION IN PROVINCIAL AREAS, THE EXTREMISTS ARE QUIET. THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF CHILE (PCCH) IS COMPLETELY DEMORALIZED, AND IS MERELY ATTEMPTING TO SURVIVE. HE NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT THE SOCIALIST PARTY (PS) IS BECOMING ACTIVE AGAIN. HE SAID THAT THE

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GOVERNMENT IS CONCERNED ABOUT EXTREMISTS RETURNING FROM ABROAD

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5. WITH REGARD TO FUTURE ACTIVITIES OF THE RECENTLY RELEASED POLITICAL PRISONERS,

THAT MANY OF THE YOUNG SUBVERSIVES DID NOT HAVE DEEP ROOTED EXTREMIST CONVICTIONS. IN ADDITION, THEY NOW HAVE FIRST HAND KNOWLEDGE OF WHAT PRISON IS LIKE, WHICH COULD PUT A BRAKE ON THEIR ACTIVITIES.

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